

Amendment to Special Circular No. 91, 1976-1977

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

September 20, 1977

TO: COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENTS, ALL SUPERINTENDENTS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS,  
DIRECTORS, HEADS OF BUREAUS AND PRINCIPALS OF ALL DAY SCHOOLS.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

BRIEF CALENDAR FOR 1977-1978

The Board of Education of the City School District of the City of New York on September 7th, 1977, unanimously approved the following resolution submitted by the Chancellor:

"RESOLVED, That the Brief Calendar 1977-1978 approved on June 13, 1977, be amended as follows:

"RESOLVED, That January 15, 1978, Martin Luther King Day, be officially recognized in the New York City Public School System by the closing of schools on Monday, January 16, 1978."

The 1977-1978 School Year will consist of 184 instructional days (183 in Brooklyn and Queens).

Very truly yours,

IRVING ANKER  
Chancellor

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
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June 16, 1977

TO COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENTS, ALL SUPERINTENDENTS, EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTORS, DIRECTORS, HEADS OF BUREAUS AND PRINCIPALS OF ALL DAY SCHOOLS

Ladies and Gentlemen:

BRIEF CALENDAR FOR 1977-1978

At its meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 1977, the Board of Education adopted the following Brief Calendar for the School Year 1977-1978:

1977

August	31. Wednesday.....	Principals, Assistants to Principals and all other school supervisors report.
September	6. Tuesday.....	<u>HIGH SCHOOLS:</u> All classroom teachers, Laboratory Specialists and Laboratory Technicians report.
		<u>FOR ALL SCHOOLS:</u> All Attendance Teachers, Psychologists and Social Workers report.
		<u>FOR ALL SCHOOLS:</u> All guidance counselors and secretaries report.*
September	7. Wednesday.....	<u>HIGH SCHOOLS:</u> School sessions begin for 1977-1978. FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS.
September	7. Wednesday.....	<u>ELEMENTARY, INTERMEDIATE AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS:</u> All classroom teachers, Laboratory Specialists and Laboratory Technicians report.
		Chancellor's Conference Day: address by Chancellor followed by faculty conferences in individual schools.
September	8. Thursday.....	<u>ELEMENTARY, INTERMEDIATE AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS:</u> School sessions begin for 1977-1978.
		FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL ELEMENTARY, INTERMEDIATE AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS.
September	13, Tuesday and	
September	14, Wednesday.....	Rosh Hashanah (Schools Closed)
September	22, Thursday.....	Yom Kippur (Schools Closed)
October	10. Monday.....	Columbus Day (Schools Closed)
November	8. Tuesday.....	Election Day (Schools Closed)
November	11, Friday.....	Veterans Day (Schools Closed)
November	24, Thursday and	
November	25, Friday.....	Thanksgiving Recess (Schools Closed)
December	26. Monday through	
January	2, Monday.....	Christmas Recess (Schools Closed)

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January	31. Tuesday.....	Fall Term Ends
February	1. Wednesday .....	Spring Term Begins
February	20. Monday through	
February	24. Friday.....	Midwinter Recess (Schools Closed) Principals, Assistants to Principals and all other school supervisors report. Supervisory and administrative employees to report Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 21, 22 and 23. Central Headquarters and District Administrative Offices will be open these three days.
March	24. Friday through	
March	31. Friday.....	Spring Recess (Schools Closed)
May	30. Tuesday.....	Memorial Day (Schools Closed)
June	8. Thursday.....	Anniversary Day (Brooklyn & Queens Schools Closed)
June	28. Wednesday.....	<u>HIGH SCHOOLS:</u> Last day of school sessions for high school classroom teachers, Laboratory Specialists and Laboratory Technicians.  LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS FOR 1977-1978.
June	29. Thursday.....	<u>ELEMENTARY, INTERMEDIATE AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS:</u> Last day of school sessions for elementary, intermediate and junior high school classroom teachers, Laboratory Specialists and Laboratory Technicians.  LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ELEMENTARY, INTERMEDIATE AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS FOR 1977-1978.
June	30. Friday.....	All other staff report <u>except</u> classroom teachers, Laboratory Specialists and Laboratory Technicians

\*Guidance counselors and secretaries will serve two (2) additional days or the equivalent hours. They may meet this requirement by serving Thursday, September 1st and/or Friday, September 2nd. Those who do not serve these days will serve an equivalent number of hours of no less than one hour daily on each of the first four days starting September 6th. The days are to be determined by the Supervisor in charge.

This calendar introduces a mid-winter recess as an experiment for the purpose of energy-saving. This new schedule does not reduce the number of instructional days for pupils or working day for staff.

This school year provides a total of 185 instructional days (184 days in Brooklyn and Queens)

Any district which, in violation of this officially adopted city-wide brief calendar, closes a school or schools other than for those special emergency situations provided for under Board of Education procedures and practices, shall be assessed an amount equivalent to reductions in State Aid caused by such closing. This will prevent other community school districts from bearing the burden of reduced State Aid resulting from such actions.

Very truly yours,

IRVING ANKER  
Chancellor

E X P L A N A T I O N

1. If the calendar herein suggested is adopted, the number of instructional days for the next school year will be as follows:

- a. Elementary, Intermediate and Junior High Schools  
(except Brooklyn and Queens).....185 days

In Brooklyn and Queens (Anniversary Day).....184 days

- b. High Schools

Fall term - 92 days, which includes three days for Regents  
and citywide examinations.

Spring term - 93 days, which includes five Regents days  
(92 days in Brooklyn and Queens)

In Brooklyn and Queens one day is subtracted from the total in the  
Spring term because of Anniversary Day. This provides a total of  
185 days for the school year (184 days in Brooklyn and Queens).

2. Schools are scheduled to be closed on Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Martin Luther King Day, the usual national holidays, Christmas Recess, Mid-Winter Recess, Spring Recess and the day after Thanksgiving.
3. When a community school district closes a school in violation of the officially adopted citywide calendar other than for those special emergency situations provided for under Board of Education procedures and practices, the assessment provided in this resolution will prevent other community school districts from bearing the burden of reduced State Aid resulting from such actions.

Respectfully submitted,

IRVING ANKER  
Chancellor